(d) The available evidence shows that countries who adopted strong pictorial warnings on tobacco products were able to show a decline in tobacco use.

Children orphaned by AIDS

2090. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children orphaned on account of spread of AIDS in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) how many of them are infected with this disease during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of budgetary and institutional support made and provided for their rehabilitation; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government/NGOs to protect the children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) Information on number of children orphaned on account of AIDS is not available. Number of HIV infected children during the last three years, State-wise is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Under National AIDS Control Programme Phase-III (NACP-III), five Community Care Center (CCC) for children orphaned due to HIV/AIDS, have been supported for providing, care, support, food, education and health care. Grant-in-aid of Rs.21.5 lakh has been given to each of these centers. In addition, care and support services are also being provided by HIV/AIDS Alliance to 18,405 children and Clinton Foundation to nearly 28,000 children affected by HIV/AIDS in selected high prevalence districts.

(d) Following steps are being taken to protect children from HIV infection:

(i) Identification, counselling and prophylactic treatment to HIV positive pregnant women and new born babies;

(ii) Diagnosis of HIV positive children and provision of anti-retroviral drugs to those children eligible for treatment; and

(iii) Public awareness through various media regarding prevention of HIV transmission.

Statement

Number of HIV+Children reported during the last three years

Sl. No.	State	March 2007	March 2008	March 2009
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3191	7863	11505

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	2	3
4.	Assam	25	46	98
5.	Bihar	104	313	603
6.	Chandigarh	263	313	357
7.	Chhattisgarh	0	95	176
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	4
9.	Daman and Diu	0	1	7
10.	Delhi	722	1076	1633
11.	Goa	118	171	223
12.	Gujarat	189	754	1857
13.	Haryana	42	167	281
14.	Himachal Pradesh	17	84	145
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	0	41	82
16.	Jharkhand	0	131	253
17.	Karnataka	1634	4425	7006
18.	Kerala	283	462	569
19.	Lakshadweep			
20.	Madhya Pradesh	128	297	488
21.	Maharashtra	2787	7012	12036
22.	Manipur	783	1519	1748
23.	Meghalaya	0	0	6
24.	Mizoram	19	48	91
25.	Nagaland	121	271	379
26.	Orissa	30	166	405
27.	Pondicherry	30	60	103
28.	Punjab	78	360	648
29.	Rajasthan	201	549	996
30.	Sikkim	0	0	1
31.	Tamil Nadu	3056	5164	6862

1	2	3	4	5
32.	Tripura	0	0	7
33.	Uttar Pradesh	262	552	1252
34.	Uttaranchal	14	52	82
35.	West Bengal	146	287	510
	TOTAL	14244	32281	50417

Focus on elders under NRHM

2091. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has any specific initiative to address the health problems of the elders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) provides a platform for interventions in the health sector, based on the priorities of the State Governments concerned. While there is a National Policy on Elder Persons (1999) and Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007, there is no national programme for the health care of the elderly at present.

Conversion of a public medical college to a self-finance college

2092. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware about conversion of the N.H. Municipal Medical College in the campus of V.S. Hospital Ahmedabad, from public medical college to self-finance college to be managed by the Trust of a political party; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to protect the poor students of Ahmedabad city in particular and Gujarat in general?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) As per information provided by the State Government of Gujarat, Smt. NHL Municipal Medical College, Ahmedabad is managed by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Medical Education Trust and not by a political party. Subsidy in tuition fee is given to the local students at the time of admission.

Exorbitant prices of drugs

2093. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: